

## Troops Spurn Hylan-Hearst Welcome Body

Protest Signed by 500 on the Patria Tossed to Committee on Police Boat

### "Take That to Mayor"

Returning Tank Fighters Silent as City Officials Greet Them With Gifts

Soon after the midday meal was finished on Saturday, when the troopship Patria, from Marseilles, was some five hundred miles east of Sandy Hook, forty officers and 450 men of the homecoming 304th Brigade of Heavy Tanks got together and prepared resolutions on William Randolph Hearst.

This tank organization, which had "reared on rough" throughout their stay on the Hindenburg Line, had had many informal discussions during the voyage concerning the position Mr. Hearst occupies on the reception committee. They decided that they would express their indignation to Mayor Hylan as soon as the brigade came ashore. They did not know that the Mayor's committee was to meet the Patria as part of the formal greeting bestowed upon homecoming troops. When this municipal organization emerged from a fog yesterday aboard the police boat Patrol a volley of protest was fired from the Patria in the form of the straight-from-the-shoulder resolution that had been drafted on Saturday.

The committee waived its greetings to the fighters; some cigarettes and chocolate were proffered, but no jubilant answer came from the Patria.

### Silence Puzzles Committee

Folk on the Patrol were puzzled by the chilly response to their greeting, but presently they learned the reason. The officers and men of the tank corps were displeased with Hearst and the persons who put him on the committee, and their written answer was handed over to the pilot of the Patrol with the injunction, "Give this to Mayor Hylan with our compliments."

This is what the tank men had to say:

"We, the undersigned officers, non-commissioned officers and enlisted men, register our unqualified disapproval of the designation of William Randolph Hearst as a member of a committee formed for the purpose of welcoming members of the American expeditionary force. The receipt is registered because of the turning to the United States. The conviction that he has proved himself to be un-American, pro-German and inhumanitarian, and therefore totally unfit for membership on a committee of the above character." When the document was handed over to the patrol the verbal request went with it was, "Be sure that Mayor Hylan gets this."

## Two Collisions in Harbor, Several Hurt, As Result of Fog

A fog which blanketed the harbor yesterday forenoon was responsible for two collisions in which a tug was sunk and several persons severely injured.

The first accident occurred about 7 a. m., when the Sound steamboat Lexington, of the Colonial Line, inbound from Boston, rammed and sank the tug Jameson, of the Arbuckle Sugar Refining Company, off Beekman Street, in the East River.

The Jameson, which had just rounded the Battery, was picking its way to a berth in Brooklyn when the Lexington rammed it amidships. The crew barely had time to jump overboard. They were picked up by another tug. Half an hour later the municipal ferryboat Queens, with about 1,200 passengers, chiefly laborers employed at the shipyards at Shooter's Island, aboard, bumped into the freighter Naubess, at anchor off the Statue of Liberty. The freighter was not damaged, but part of the superstructure of the Queens was shattered. She landed her passengers safely at Staten Island, and was later taken to a shipyard for repairs. Joseph Sienna and Abraham Cohen, passengers on the Queens, were bruised and cut. Both were treated at the Staten Island Hospital.

### Circus Has Big Menagerie

Combined Shows to Fill Garden and 69th Armory

The camels are coming—herds of men. So are twenty-five elephants, a four giraffes, a hippopotamus, a rhinoceros and "a heterogeneous collection of tigers, lions, jaguars and leopards." They will reach here March 22, when the combined Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus opens at Madison Square Garden.

## General Pershing Bids Rainbow Men Farewell

Allow No Belittlement of War Record, He Tells Veterans as They Prepare to Quit Posts on the Rhine to Sail Back to America and Home

By Wilbur Forrest

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COBLENZ, March 16.—Admonishing all within sound of his voice to allow no belittlement of the record or diminution of credit for the American army's splendid achievements in the war, General Pershing bade farewell to the Rainbow Division here today.

Following a review on the slope of a towering hill on the Rhine, the general asked that every officer and man group about him. Then, mounting an army wagon he spoke for fifteen minutes to the men of widely scattered states who comprise the division.

He reiterated frequently and asked all to impress upon their minds that the present peace was rendered possible only by the valor of the American army. He characterized as purely American the Meuse and Argonne offensives, which, he said, were the deciding battles of the war, and praised highly the Rainbow's part therein, including that of New York's 69th.

During a personal inspection of the latter command General Pershing halted before every man wearing a wound chevron to ask in what fight he had received his wounds, and whether he had fully recovered. The large percentage of wounded in this regiment made the inspection of the 69th longer than that of any of the other five regiments of the division.

### Tells of 69th Flag

As he passed the regiment's flag the general asked why the banner was so faded and torn, and why it was not as bright and new as the colors of the other commands.

Color Sergeant John Curtin, of 231 West Sixteenth Street, New York, then showed the commander in chief fifty-two silver rings upon the flagstaff, each ring engraved with the name of a battle in which the regiment had participated, beginning with Bull Run in the war between the states. The sergeant explained that rings for the seven battles fought by the regiment in Europe had not been added because there was no room on the staff.

Officers further explained to the general that the tattered condition of the flag was due to a German shell which hit the battle of Chateau Thierry in

## Plan Is Launched For Parade of The 77th Division

A movement to honor the 77th Division—the New York draft contingent—with a parade through the city and a demonstration equal to that planned for the 27th has been started here. Dr. William T. Manning, of Trinity, chairman of the Home Association, of the 77th Division, made the announcement yesterday.

Dr. Manning declared that the association, which has offices at 280 Madison Avenue, had been flooded with requests from the friends and relatives of drafted men that steps be taken to properly welcome home the troops trained at Upton.

"It is our desire and determination that the men of the 77th Division shall be accorded every possible honor," said Dr. Manning. "We will not rest until we have made the authorities at Washington feel that it is the only right thing to do."

"Certainly, New York is as anxious to see the 77th Division as the 27th. It is right to honor the latter contingent in the best possible manner, and I am heartily in its favor. But the 27th has men from other parts of the state, and from other states, while the 77th is of New York City men only and represents more closely the people of the city."

"All of the 77th's officers who have come home, all the men and all their families, are most earnestly desirous that there should be a parade of the division as a unit. They do not want parts of the contingent to march—they want to see all of their heroic sons at the same time."

"Why shouldn't the city arrange and finance this plan, just as it is doing for the 27th? Certainly popular sentiment of the great masses of the people of the city is back of the project."

A number of prominent New Yorkers are backing the 77th parade plans. Dr. Manning stated. He said that Major Spencer S. Weaver, who returned home in advance of the division, is a member of the executive committee of the association, and has been working tirelessly to make the parade a reality.

Mrs. Robert Bacon is vice chairman of the association. Other members of the executive committee are Cleveland H. Dodge, Stephen H. Olin, S. R. Berton, Captain Frederick S. Greene, newly appointed Commissioner of Highways, and Colonel C. W. Whittlesey, of the "Lost Battalion."

## Wounded Men To Get Tickets Of Politicians

Hylan Committee on Parade Reverses Opinion Under Heavy Storm of Protest

### "Soldiers First," Is Order

Aldermen Must Return the Blocks of Grandstand Seats; To Halt Scalpers

Wounded soldiers first; politicians can wait.

This, in a nutshell, is the story of yesterday's victory of wounded soldiers in New York hospitals over the group of politicians who thought they had cornered all the available seats in the Hearst-Hylan reviewing stand to witness the parade of the 27th Division.

All of the 7,000 convalescent soldiers in New York hospitals who are not comfortably provided for in business houses along the line of march of their triumphant buddies will be given seats in the big grandstand on March 25. In order to do this Mayor Hylan's associates on the welcoming committee, city, state and Federal politicians, will be forced to return the large blocks of choice reservations that were made for them.

This decision of the Mayor's Committee of Welcome to Homecoming Troops—reversal of the earlier action of that body—was made yesterday after a conference with representatives of the Marine Corps, the Red Cross and the various army hospitals in which wounded soldiers are being housed. Just what occurred in the conference that caused the committee to agree to change its original plans and disappoint politicians who had their lists of ticket holders already prepared, was not explained.

### Attention Called to Protest

It is known, however, that attention was called to all of the protests of soldiers and Red Cross officials, as published in The Tribune, and the obvious effect of stubborn adherence to the rule under which it was proposed to force wounded men to stand on curbs, or perch on tops of buses while politicians occupied the seats erected by taxpayers at an expense of \$74,000.

Mayor Whelan, secretary to Mayor Hylan, presided at the conference, which was held in the offices of the welcoming committee, on the sixth floor of the Hall of Records. Those who participated in the conference included representatives of the Marine Corps, General Hospital No. 1, Debarcation Hospital No. 1, at Ellis Island; No. 3, at Eighth Street and Sixth Avenue; No. 4, West Fifth Street; No. 5, Grand Central Palace, and the stations at Messiah Home, Hotel Albert, La Fayette House, and East View, at White Plains.

The Federal Board of Vocational Education and other organizations interested in proper treatment of the men who had been injured in combat with the Hun presented arguments in their favor and gave the numbers of men who would be able to attend the 27th Division pageant.

### To Take Care of 7,000 Men

It was then agreed to take care of 7,000 wounded men who are here who are connected with the 27th Division in this way:

1. In windows of business houses and residences along the line of march of the parade, as many as can be seated. This number will be given space in places as near to the hospitals at which they are patients as possible in order to avoid unnecessary travel.

2. On the tops of buses provided by the Fifth Avenue Car Company until this source of supply is exhausted.

3. In seats in the big reviewing stand. All wounded soldiers in hospitals here, regardless of the contingent to which they belong, who are not seated under one of the two preceding arrangements, will be given seats in the reviewing stand heretofore allotted to city, state and Federal officials and their friends.

Under the original arrangement of the Mayor's committee approximately 57,000 tickets were required for the review of the division. The division who will take part in the parade, for the wounded of the division and for the relatives of those killed in battle.

### 18,000 Were for Hylan Men

The remaining 18,000 tickets were to have been distributed among members of the Mayor's committee, such as had not resigned because of the continued membership of William Randolph Hearst upon it—city, state and national officials.

One of the interesting features of the new arrangement is the probability that aldermen who had refused to contribute any of their forty or fifty tickets to the wounded men now will find that their allotment of tickets probably will be scaled down to a paltry ten or fifteen each.

A poll of the city's aldermen, taken by The Tribune Sunday, revealed the fact that but one Alderman was ready to name any definite contribution of tickets from his allotment. He was ready to make to the wounded men, Alderman Joel J. Fowler, of Richmond Hill, mentioned "two or three tickets" as his idea of a pretty generous contribution.

## Passports Are Refused to French Socialists

PARIS, March 16.—The government has refused to issue passports to three French Socialists who were selected to go to Russia to investigate the Bolshevik government in accordance with the decision reached at the recent Socialist Congress at Berne.

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tribution from the Aldermanic quota of approximately fifty tickets.

### Officials to Get "Left Overs"

In a statement issued by the Mayor's Committee last night the change of attitude toward the wounded soldiers was shown in this paragraph:

"Until final allotment of seats for the maimed soldiers is made no tickets for the grandstand other than those to the families of the marching legion will be sent out. Whatever space remains will be assigned to Federal, state and city officials, members of the Mayor's committee and representatives of the State Guard."

In order to curb the threatened activities of ticket scalpers, who are declared to be using all available influence in order to obtain large numbers of tickets, an amendment has been passed to the ordinance covering theatrical ticket speculation. It is made unlawful, under this measure, to sell, or offer for sale, any ticket of admission to a reviewing stand erected by the city for any purpose. Purchasing such tickets likewise is a misdemeanor, punishable by a maximum fine of \$500.

During the day the police were called upon to make a strict search for violators of this ordinance and to prosecute them to the limit of their powers.

### Rawlinson Sends Congratulations

The world-wide interest that is being taken in the forthcoming welcome to the gallant 27th Division, indicated more during the day by the expression of congratulatory to the city from General Rawlinson, commanding the 4th British Army. The message, which was addressed to Mayor Hylan, read as follows:

"I sincerely congratulate the City of New York on the homecoming of their gallant 27th Division, which fought so splendidly and in true comradeship with their British comrades during the historic battles of the Hindenburg line. The valor and determination of General O'Hylan and the famous New York division won the everlasting admiration of all ranks of the 4th British Army, as well as my own heartfelt gratitude. I know that New York will give them the warm welcome they so richly deserve."

## Hearst Denounced in Verse by "Doughboys"

APPENDED to the protest against the presence of William Randolph Hearst on the Mayor's Committee of Welcome which returning troops threw down to the police patrol boat Patrol from the transport Patria yesterday were the following verses:

That's him, the guy in the black Stetson title,  
With the cold storage air, the sanctified smile,  
That's waving the flag like he's scared to let go,  
The flag that we fought for at Terry Chateau,  
The flag that he hung on his paper to hide the coils of the snake that was hissing inside.  
If he wants to shake hands you bet I'll decline,  
For the hand that shook Bernstein's will never shake mine.

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A job in Berlin would be more in his line. Shaking hands with Hun heroes, back from the Rhine. And telling the Boche they have not fought in vain. And they'll get back their loot of Alsace-Lorraine. If he wants me, you'll bet I'll side-step some way. If he holds out his mitt, I'll dodge it and say, "The lingo he sure must know, 'Nein, Nein.'"

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